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1. AFTER MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY
ADVISED OF SECRETARY BERGLAND'S ACCEPTANCE OF USSR VISIT,
PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO DEPUTY MINISTER
GORDEEV OF FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY:

2. WE APPRECIATE YOUR INFORMING US THAT THE DATES OF MAY
11 (AND 12 IF NEEDED) WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE SOVIET
SIDE FOR GRAIN CONSULTATIONS. AS YOU ARE PERHAPS AWARE,
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A PLAN IS UNDERWAY FOR USDA SECRETARY BERGLAND TO ALSO
VISIT THE USSR FOR SEVERAL DAYS DURING MID-MAY. IT WOULD
BE OUR HOPE THAT THE DATE FOR OUR GRAIN CONSULTATION COULD
BE CHOSEN SO AS TO ENABLE SECRETARY BERGLAND TO CALL AT
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE SOMETIME ON THAT SAME DATE
IN ADDITION, IF THIS WOULD BE AGREEABLE, SECRETARY BERGLAND
WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE BRIEFLY IN THE TALKS, SUCH AS

BY JOINING FOR A FEW MOMENTS AT THE CLOSE, PERHAPS TO
HAVE A BRIEF RESUME. ALTHOUGH IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT SUCH
CHOICE OF DATE WOULD ALSO DEPEND UPON THE AVAILABILITY OF
OFFICIALS ON THE USSR SIDE, IT WOULD APPEAR AT THIS TIME,
BASED ON THE ITINERARY PLANS FOR THE PROPOSED VISIT OF

SECRETARY BERGLAND, THAT AN APPROPRIATE DATE WOULD BE
MONDAY, MAY 15. WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR UNDER-
STANDING ON THESE POINTS AND HOPE THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE
TO FIX A DATE ACCORDINGLY.

3. PLEASE TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY REGARDS TO
DEPUTY MINISTER GORDEEV FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY HATHAWAY.
CHRISTOPHER

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